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**RESPONSE**

This communication is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2011. A continuation application and a Preliminary Amendment are being filed today under a separate transmittal.

**Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

A corrected Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), which was inadvertently omitted from our filing of the RCE on March 3, 2011, is submitted herewith. The chain of title is properly set forth in the Statement and the Statement is signed by Bernard Prandi, an authorized officer of Memometal Technologies SAS.